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150 YEARS SINCE THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO...

The fight FOR socialism today

Speakers: ★***Ryanair striker***, ★***Cramptons building worker***, ★***Diane Hamill*** (sister of Robert Hamill); ★***Carolann Duggan*** (Candidate for General Secretary of SIPTU); ★***Kieran Allen*** (Editor of *Socialist Worker*)

Thursday 26th March 7.30pm Sharp,
ATGWU Hall, Middle Abbey St

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Karl Marx's most famous pamphlet, the *Communist Manifesto* was published 150 years ago.

In it Marx pointed out that the profit system meant the production of more and more wealth while life for millions became more impoverished. He claimed that capitalism was a system of crisis in which feverous booms were followed by slumps and depressions. He predicted that over time these crises would worsen and eventually threaten ruin for all humanity.

But he saw a solution. Despite the optimism and self confidence of the bosses as they spread the profit system across the globe, capitalism was creating its own gravedigger—the working class.

Capitalism was then young and changing the face of the world. Workers were then still a minority of the world's population and industrialism had touched only small parts of the world.

Today capitalism dominates the globe and Marx's words are even more relevant. The "miracle economies" of South Korea and Indonesia have seen their stock markets crash and a rash of bankruptcies in banks corporations which threatens the economies of the West.

Workers from France to Korea and beyond have taken militant action in defence of their living conditions in the face of mounting capitalist crisis.

In Ireland the Celtic Tiger has provided huge profits for the rich but very little for working class people. Here building workers have defied the anti-union Industrial Relation Act to win their rights against vicious sub-contractors. Workers have shut down Dublin airport in a fight for union rights in Ryanair.

This is the power that can change the world. We need socialist politics to make this a reality. Come to this *Socialist Worker* rally (details overleaf) and hear about the fight for socialism today.

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